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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARDS

FROM GENTILE TO MISSLBECK AND KEMP

1. URGENT REQUESTS FOR INCREASES MARINE GUARD COMPLEMENTS

NEA/ AF AREA INDICATE NEED TO CALL UPON CO, COMPANY " A"

MEET SOME OF THESE REQUESTS WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

SINCE WE BELIEVE THAT THE LEVEL OF THREATS AS GREAT ONE

POST AS ANOTHER, PRIORITIES OF NEEDS CAN BE BASED ONLY BY

COMPARING RESOURCES AT POSTS. BELIEVE THAT SOME POSTS IN

EUROPE HAVE GREATER RESOURCES TO PROVIDE PROTECTION (I. E.,

RELIABILITY POLICE, LOCAL GUARDS AND SIZE MARINE GUARD

COMPLEMENTS) THAN SOME SMALLER NEA/ AF POSTS THAT HAVE

LITTLE OR NO LOCAL POLICE, OR GUARD TO LOOK TO FOR PRO-

TECTION.

2. THEREFORE, WHERE CO, COMPANY " A" REQUESTED PROVIDE TDY

ASSISTANCE NEA/ AF YOU SHOULD ASSIST IN SELECTION, AND

ADVISE POST REQUESTED TO GIVE UP ONE (1) OR TWO (2)

MARINES ON THE RATIONALE STATED ABOVE.

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3. THIS APPROACH NECESSARY UNTIL MEASURES NOW BEING INSTI-
TUTED WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MARINE SECURITY GUARDS.

4. SUGGEST THAT POSTS LOSING MARINES ATTEMPT CONSOLIDATE
WATCHES OR SUSPEND LEAST ESSENTIAL WATCH INSTEAD OF
MERELY INCREASING MARINE GUARD HOURS TO POINT OF REDUCED
EFFECTIVENESS.

5. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE CO, COMPANY " B" HAS ALREADY RES-
PONDED TO SOME URGENT NEEDS BY SHORTING SOME OF NEA/ AF
POSTS BASED UPON SAME RATIONALE STATED ABOVE.

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